

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 98-237-E - ORDER NO. 98-352

MAY 14, 1998

IN RE: Request for Approval of Two (2) Contracts Between South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and Huron Tech Corporation.	) ) ) )	ORDER APPROVING CONTRACTS AND GRANTING CONFIDENTIALITY
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G or the Company) for approval of two contracts for electric service (an Interruptible Power Contract and an Auxilliary Power Contract) between the Company and Huron Tech. Corporation. (Huron ). The request is made pursuant to our Regulation 103-303. Huron will manufacture sodium chlorate which is used in the white paper industry.

These contracts govern the Company's service to Huron's plant in Eastover, which is under construction and is scheduled to be completed by mid-October, 1998. The Interruptible Power Contract will be used to furnish power to the main operations of the plant at a delivery voltage of 230 KV. The Auxiliary Power Contract is a combination firm and interruptible contract and will serve office load and some controls and motors at a deliver voltage of 115 KV.

Further, SCE&G alleges that because of the commercial sensitivity and proprietary nature of certain provisions in these contracts, as well as the highly

competitive nature of the industry in which Huron operates, that these contracts should be received under seal for Commission review and that the contracts should be accorded confidential protection pursuant to our Regulation 103-804(Y)(2)(a) and (b) (1976 and Supp.). Huron supports the Company's request for confidential protection, as per language in both contracts.

We have examined the contracts in this matter and hold that they should be approved. Further, we agree that the contracts are commercially sensitive and of a proprietary nature in certain sections. We also agree that the industry in which Huron is involved is highly competitive. Therefore, we hold that the contracts should be received under seal for Commission review and that they should be accorded confidential protection, pursuant to the regulation cited above. This regulation basically states what the term "Public Records" does not include. We believe that these contracts are not public records, and should be afforded confidential treatment.

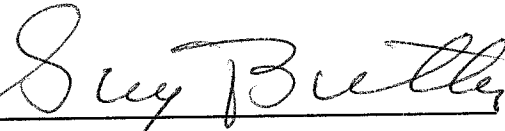
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This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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